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FOREIGN OFFICE HAS SHOWN EMBASSY OFFICER BRITISH
AMBASSADOR'S REPORT FROM MOSCOW OF INTERVIEW NOVEMBER
12 BETWEEN GERMAN AMBASSADOR KROLL AND GROMYKO.
KROLL PRESSED GROMYKO STRONGLY TO SAY WHEN SOVIETS
INTEND HAND OVER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BERLIN TO
GDR BUT GROMYKO EVADED ANSWER. KROLL TOLD WHITNEY THAT
SOVIETS BADLY INFORMED ABOUT SITUATION IN WEST GERMANY
AND WOULD BE MISTAKE TO THINK WEST GERMANS COULD BE
INTIMIDATED. KHRUSHCHEV ACTION MIGHT HAVE MOST SERIOUS
CONSEQUENCES." WEST GERMAN REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 18
WOULD HAVE TO BE RECONSIDERED BOTH IN FORM AND SUBSTANCE.
THROUGHOUT INTERVIEW GROMYKO SEEMED EXTREMELY ILL-
AT EASE.

WHITNEY

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